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SUBJECT: JOINT COMMISSION: AGRICULTURAL INPUTS WORKING
GROUP AGENDA

REF: NEW DELHI 1490

1. THE U.S. SIDE OF THE AGRICULTURAL INPUTS WORKING GROUP
IS CONSIDERING THE FORMULATION OF A PROPOSED AGENDA FOR
THE GROUP'S NEXT MEETING. IN ADDITION TO THE CONTINUATION
OF THE ITEMS INCLUDED IN THE AGENDA OF THE OCT. 1975 MEET-
ING OF THE WORKING GROUP, THE U.S. SIDE WOULD LIKE TO
INTRODUCE THE FOLLOWING NEW ISSUES:

A) THE EXCHANGE OF CURRENT ECONOMIC INFORMATION ON THE
FERTILIZER MARKET SITUATION;

B) ECONOMICS OF FERTILIZER USAGE IN THE U.S. AND INDIA,
INCLUDING THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN FERTILIZER PRICES AND
FERTILIZER USE AND BETWEEN CROP YIELDS AND FERTILIZER USE;
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C) FERTILIZER-RELATED INFRASTRUCTURE IN THE U.S.
AND INDIA, INCLUDING THE MARKETING AND DISTRIBUTION
SYSTEMS;

D) EXTENSION SERVICE ACTIVITIES CONCERNING AGRICULTURAL
INPUTS IN THE U.S. AND INDIA.

2. THE U.S. SIDE OF THE GROUP IS SENSITIVE TO THE DIF-
FICULTIES INHERENT IN THESE ISSUES, BUT BELIEVES THAT THE

INITIATION OF A DIALOGUE ON THEM IS CENTRAL TO INDIAN
EFFORTS TO INCREASE CROP PRODUCTION. USDA PLANS TO PRE-
PARE BACKGROUND/BRIEFING MATERIALS ON THESE ISSUES AND
WOULD EXPECT THE INDIANS TO FOLLOW SUIT.

3. WE WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING EMBASSY COMMENTS ON
THESE AGENDA ISSUES AND WOULD WELCOME SUGGESTIONS FOR
ADDITIONS. INGERSOLL

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